

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: Ronald B. Abelson

In Re: Ross W. Callon et al.  
Case: IBN.5202C1  
Serial No. 10/701,947  
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Subject: Apparatus and Method for Forwarding Encapsulated Data Packets on a  
Network Having Multiple Links between Nodes

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Dear Sir:

## **Response B**